GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF GAS FROM MYANMAR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether feasibility of laying a gas pipeline for procurement of gas from Myanmar via North East instead of through Bangladesh has been examined;

(b) if so, the details of new alignment of the pipeline; and

(c) the extent to which the energy and gas requirements of the North Eastern region are likely to be catered thereby?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Yes, sir. India pursued the option of a pipeline from Myanmar through North- Eastern states of India, bypassing Bangladesh. GAIL completed the Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR) of the proposed pipeline. As per the DFR, the proposed pipeline would have passed near Aizwal(Mizoram), Silchar & Guwahati (Assam), Siliguri (West Bengal) and Gaya (Bihar) with a design capacity of 18MMSCMD and the length of 1573km from Myanmar-India border to Gaya(Bihar). The estimated completion schedule was 30 months after project approval.

(c): Myanmar has since decided to sell the gas to China.